

BACK TO SCHOOL 2015

Lucas Elementary & Heritage Middle School News



**Elementary School Class Rosters:
posted Friday, August 7!**

**Begin paying class fees:
Monday, August 10!**

**Middle School Schedules:
Pick up in the elementary office starting August 7!**

Lucas Elementary Parents and Students,

Welcome to the start of the 2015-2016 school year!

As we enter the final days of our summer vacation I am sure your homes are filled with many emotions. Maybe there is excitement as the anticipation for a new grade, new teacher, or even a new building. Some houses probably have emotions of fear and nervousness of the newness another school year brings.

Personally the anticipation of the 2015-16 school year brings me joy. Joy of seeing students who have been away for 10 weeks, joy of meeting new students and welcoming them to Lucas Elementary and Lucas Middle School, and the joy of yet another school year with an exceptional staff who are filled with the love for student learning and achievement.

May the upcoming school year be a year of joy for you and your family. I look forward to working together, as a community, to support the learning and development of our children.

~ Mrs. Kari Case- Principal

Share your favorite back to school memory or tradition at:

lucaselementary.weebly.com/principals-page

Welcome Mrs. Darling!

We are pleased to welcome our new secretary, Mrs. Kristy Darling to the Lucas Elementary office. Mrs. Darling is sure to bring a welcoming smile and presence to our families and visitors as they come to the school. As a graduate of Lucas Local School district she is no stranger to the community and the traditions we hold dear, yet she brings newness and ideas to move the school forward.

Math & Me

It's not too late to submit photos of your child using math this summer!

email photos and a description to case.kari@lucasucubs.org or bring your photo to the elementary school office by 3:00 on Friday, August 14

Save the Date!

**Elementary School
Open House!**

**Monday, August 17, 2015
5:00-6:30**

Visit classroom teachers: 5:00-6:00

Visit the resource fair in the
cafeteria: 5:00-6:30

**Middle School
Open House!**

**Tuesday, August 18, 2015
5:30-6:30**

**First Day of School!
Wednesday, August 19, 2015**

Meet Our "New" Staff

Lucas Elementary is excited to welcome some staffing changes for this coming school year.

Mrs. Katie Cordle, who joined Lucas Elementary for the 2014-2015 school year is moving to a third grade classroom.

Mrs. Deschner has taken on the position as the district's Title I/Reading Recovery teacher.

Mr. Mike Byrns returns in a full time position as an intervention teacher.

Joining the 5th grade teaching team, providing math education to the students of Lucas Elementary School is Miss Bethanne Guild. She comes to us from Mansfield Christian School. Miss Guild is no stranger to Lucas as she has served as assistant cheer coach for 3 years.

New to the 2nd grade teaching team, Lucas is happy to welcome Ms. Kelly Otero. Ms. Otero has 15 years of experience in elementary education. She comes to us from North Fork School District, Utica Elementary, and brings a love for providing innovative ideas into her classroom as she educates young children.

The Lucas School district is pleased to welcome Mrs. Abigail Lowe to our Elementary / Middle School Library. Mrs. Lowe brings with her experience as a children's assistant at the Richland Public Library. We are excited to see the reading opportunities she will bring to our students.

Striving for a Safe School- Procedure Changes

Lucas Elementary School strives to be a safe and secure place for our children. While we are a community banded in traditions, we are also a growing community with new faces and families. While growth is great, it also can bring faces to the schools that are not familiar. As we have a change over in staff throughout the elementary, as well as some wonderful new families, we want to continue to be safe and secure. Please keep in mind there will be some changes in basic procedures related to entering the building, signing students out, and dismissal.

- **Entering the Building-** Don't be surprised as you seek entry to the building, to be asked your name and purpose for entry to the building. You may even be asked for an I.D.
- **Signing out students-** Be prepared to show I.D. if you come into the building to sign out a student. It is hard to instantly know the face of every parent, grandparent, aunt or uncle who comes into the building. If someone other than the direct guardian is picking up a child, a note is to be sent in, by the guardian, at the start of the day. Any day a student is leaving school early, a note should be sent in at the start of the day.
- **Dismissal- Car Pick-Up-** Parents picking up students in the vehicle line at the end of the school day are to register for a vehicle pass. This pass will have the family's last name printed on it. Keep it in your car and show it on the dash upon pick-up. Multiple passes can be requested. Registration can be done in the office during the week of August 10-14 and passes can be picked up in the resource fair during open house. Additional passes can be requested after school starts.
- **Dismissal- Cafeteria Pick-Up-** Many districts are doing away with parents coming into the building for pick-up at dismissal. Lucas Elementary is not quite ready to take this leap; therefore students can still be picked up in the cafeteria after the 3:15 bell. Parents coming to the building for pick-up are asked not to arrive before 3:05 and to come through the main entrance and leave through the side entrance of the cafeteria. All parents will be expected to sign into the building at the front door and again sign out their child(ren) before leaving the building.

Your cooperation and understanding as these changes are implemented is greatly appreciated!